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EDITORIAL

Mr. Anthony H. Roberts, who has edited the NEWSLETTER since its inception in 1955 has found it necessary to relinquish his editorial responsibilities. Mr. Roberts deserves the gratitude of all members of the Institute for carrying these responsibilities so faithfully during the difficult period of getting the new publication under way.

This issue of the NEWSLETTER marks the beginning of an expanded publication schedule. It is proposed to publish more frequently than has been the practice, and at regular intervals, regardless of the amount of material at hand. This may seem to be a peculiar editorial policy, but it is hoped that with greater continuity the NEWSLETTER might become a more useful tool to encourage membership participation in Institute activities.

There should be no need to repeat here the obvious facts of Canadian geography — members cannot meet together with any great frequency, except on a very limited geographic basis and, moreover, cannot even be expected to gather in large numbers at Annual Meetings. Thus one of the few ways in which the members can air controversy and exchange views, and in so doing help mould the policies of the Institute, is by means of the NEWSLETTER.

It must be obvious to members throughout Canada that there is much concerning the Institute that is controversial. But unless the members at large make active use of the forum provided by the NEWSLETTER, it cannot perform its proper function. Clear evidence of this weakness is to be found in the plea for some response from the members on a matter of controversy which is contained in the report from Council later in this issue. If Council does not hear the views of the members at large on such matters, it cannot be expected to formulate policy with assurance that it reflects the wishes of the members of the Institute. But informing Council of varying views is, obviously, only one part of the function of the NEWSLETTER.

Controversy and problems do not disappear by being ignored, and ignorance is a poor basis upon which to develop a Town Planning Institute. The medium for exchange is there. It only remains for members to use it.

Gerald A. P. Carrothers, Editor

Note: material for the next issue of the NEWSLETTER should be in the hands of the Editor by March 30, 1957.

NOTE DE REDACTEUR

M. Anthony H. Roberts, qui a rédigé ces NOUVELLES depuis leur début en 1955, a dû se départir de cette charge. M. Roberts mérite les remerciements de tous les membres de l'Institut pour avoir accompli si fidèlement cette tâche durant la période difficile de la mise en marche de cette feuille.

La présente édition des NOUVELLES marque le début d'un programme de publication qui aura plus d'ampleur. Ces NOUVELLES paraîtront plus fréquemment qu'auparavant et à intervalles réguliers, peu importe le nombre d'articles que nous aurons en main. Cette conduite future de la rédaction pourra paraître bizarre; mais nous espérons qu'avec plus de continuité dans la parution des NOUVELLES, ces dernières deviendront plus utiles comme instrument de participation des membres aux activités de l'Institut.

Il n'est pas nécessaire de répéter ici les faits saillants qui relèvent de la géographie du Canada — les membres ne peuvent se réunir fréquemment que dans des cadres régionaux limités et, de plus, il est impossible à un grand nombre d'entre eux d'assister aux réunions annuelles. Ces NOUVELLES constituent donc l'un des seuls moyens à la disposition des membres pour engager des débats, échanger des idées et, par là, aider à l'élaboration des principes d'action de l'Institut.

Il doit être évident à nos membres par tout le Canada que l'Institut peut offrir beaucoup de sujets à la controverse. Ces NOUVELLES devraient être un forum; mais si les membres n'en font pas activement usage, elles ne pourront remplir cette fonction convenablement. Ce défaut est clairement exprimé dans le rapport du Conseil, présenté ailleurs dans cette feuille, qui invite les membres à se prononcer sur un sujet se prêtant à la controverse. Si le Conseil ne connaît pas l'opinion des membres touchant ce genre de sujets, il ne peut, en formulant des principes d'action, avoir l'assurance que ces derniers répondent aux désirs des membres de l'Institut. Mais il est évident que l'expression d'opinions diverses dans le but de renseigner le Conseil ne constitue qu'un aspect du rôle que ces NOUVELLES sont appellés à jouer.

On ne fait pas disparaître les divergences et les problèmes en les ignorant, et l'ignorance constitue un sol bien pauvre pour la croissance d'un Institut d'Urbanisme. Le moyen d'échange est là. Il ne reste qu'à en faire usage.

Gerald A. P. Carrothers, Rédacteur
(Traduit par G. Potvin)

OBITUARY

R. Norman Dryden

The profession of planning suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. Norman Dryden on January 19th, after a short heart illness. He was the Secretary of the TPIC in its critical years from 1952 to 1955, after its revival, and many Institute members will remember Norman Dryden with affection and respect.

He was born in Acton and graduated in Landscape Architecture from Cornell and had been living for many years near Galt. He had a colourful early life and, when most of the planning and landscape profession was starving in the thirties and the Institute was folding, he was a movie actor in England.

He practiced landscape architecture in Guelph, then entered the planning profession as a consultant with Mr. Gordon Culham, and finally from 1948 to 1957, he practiced with Mr. Howard Smith in Kitchener, forming the partnership of Dryden and Smith. This firm had an extensive practice in the Kitchener, Preston, Hespeler, Chatham and Waterloo area and gained an enviable record of service. In 1956 he became associated with the design of parks along the Saint Lawrence River for the Saint Lawrence Parks Commission.

He leaves a wife, the former Betty Freudeman of Guelph, four children and a host of friends.

(A. Adamson)

EDUCATION

Carleton College

The Extension Department of Carleton College is currently running a course on "Housing and Urban Planning," sponsored by the School of Public Administration of the College. The series of ten lectures is being given by officers of Central Mortgage and Housing and of the Community Planning Association.

University of Toronto

During the spring term the University of Toronto extension service is offering a series of ten lectures on "Urbanization," with the sub-title, "A Course in Urban Problems." Sponsors include the Ontario Association of Real Estate Boards, Toronto Real Estate Board, Appraisal Institute of Canada, and the Society of Residential Appraisers.

Central Mortgage and Housing

Accompanying this issue of the Newsletter is the announcement of Fellowships and Bursaries in Planning and Housing offered by CMHC for the 1957-58 academic year. The fellowships are tenable at any of the four universities (British Columbia, Manitoba, Toronto, McGill) offering formal training in planning, as described on the back of the notice. Aspirants should direct inquiries to the University of his choice before May 31, 1957.

Edmonton

The Edmonton Branch of the Institute is currently engaged in arranging a course of instruction in town planning for the benefit of student members of the Branch. For more details of this activity see "News From the Branches."

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

1957 Annual Meeting and Conference

A Conference Committee for the 1957 Annual Meeting and Conference, which will be held at the Château Lac Beauport, Quebec, on September 19, 20 and 21, has been established under the chairmanship of Mr. M. B. M. Lawson. Messrs. Burroughs Pelletier, C. E. Campeau, and David K. Linden have accepted appointments to this committee and are presently working out a draft programme for presentation to Council in the near future.

Sample Branch By-Laws and Constitution

Mr. Leonard Gertler, Edmonton, has accepted the chairmanship of a committee to prepare a sample By-law and Constitution which could be used by any local Branch or Provincial Association.

Board of Examiners

Professor Gordon Stephenson and Mr. Anthony Adamson were appointed to the Board of Examiners and each Branch has been requested to suggest members who could act and be appointed by the Council as a third member of the Board of Examiners as provided in our proposed new By-laws.

Publications Committee

A Publications Committee has been established consisting of Mr. Murray V. Jones as Chairman, with Messrs. Burroughs Pelletier, L. Gertler, and M. Zides as members. Mr. Gerald A. P. Carrothers has been appointed Editor for the Institute.

Professional Fees

In the last issue of the Newsletter, correspondence from Mr. A. P. C. Adamson was published, reporting the results of a survey of professional fees charged in the Toronto area. Prior to the publication of this report the Institute had received a number of requests for such information, but since then no comments have been received. This is a subject of extreme importance to the Institute, and the membership is urged to put their views in writing.

Consulting Service Questionnaire

Full and Associate Members received recently a questionnaire regarding consulting services which members are prepared to give, with particular emphasis on urban renewal. In answering this questionnaire it is hoped that members appreciate that the preparation of urban renewal schemes presuppose the preparation of general development plans. As explained in the letter accompanying the questionnaire the information gained will be made available to the Community Planning Association of Canada, but will also enable the Institute to better handle inquiries regarding available planning consultants. PLEASE RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE TODAY.

(H. T. Lemon)

PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS

The proposed new by-laws of the Institute provide for establishing "Provincial Associations." Members of the Institute in the Province of Quebec have been the first to take advantage of these provisions, forming the "Quebec Society of Professional Town Planners" under a provincial charter.

As promised in the last issue of the Newsletter, following is a report on the Quebec Association, from the Chairman.

Quebec

Since its formation in October 1956, the Quebec Association has held two general meetings, one in October and one in December. Its council also held two meetings, one in Quebec and one in Montreal.

On February 13th 1957, a charter was duly obtained from the Quebec provincial government incorporating as a non-profit association "The Quebec Society of Professional Town Planners."

By-laws have been drafted and circulated to members for consideration and approval at the next general meeting. It has been decided to charge a local fee of $5.00 in addition to the national fee. All applications from new members have to be decided upon by the local Council before being sponsored at the national level.

Committees have been formed to survey the university facilities in the province of Quebec for teaching planning, also to study the fields of activities of practising planners and finally, to establish norms for fees to be charged by members.

At the present time, the Association comprises about 20 members and 15 guests. A recruiting campaign is under way and already many inquiries have been received.

The officers elected are as follows: President, C.E. Campeau; Vice-President, R. Latté; Secretary-Treasurer, D. K. Linden, 310 Victoria Avenue, Westmount, Quebec; Directors, B. Pelletier, I. Miron, J.C. Lahaye, R. Gagnon and E. Fiset.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

Central Ontario

Commencing with a talk and discussion in December, 1956, on "Growth, and the Regional Concept" by G. A. P. Carrothers, Assistant Professor of Town and Regional Planning, University of Toronto, the Central Ontario Chapter has arranged a series of seven monthly meetings on the general theme of "Growth and Change." In January, Professor James Milner of the University of Toronto School of Law spoke to the Chapter on "Growth and Change Under the Law," followed in February by Professor J.M.S. Careless, Department of History, University of Toronto, speaking on "The Historical Factors in the Growth of Urban Southern Ontario.

In the latter part of February the Chapter, co-operating with the Metropolitan Toronto Civic Conference, was co-sponsor with other professional groups of a luncheon meeting with Aaron Levine, Executive Director of Philadelphia Citizens' Council on City Planning, to discuss "Citizen Participation in Community Development." The Philadelphia Story involves the active participation of some 165 non-government, citizen groups in implementing their 10-year $600,000,000 capital works plan.

George Gathercole, Deputy Minister of Economics, spoke to the March meeting on "Economic Problems Related to Growth and Change in Ontario."

The remaining meetings of the 1956-57 series are as follows:

April 8 R.J. Shirley of J.D. Woods & Gordon, Limited, Management Consultants, to speak on "Organization and Administration as Related to Growth and Change."

May 13 Dr. John R. Seeley, social scientist and director of the "Crestwood Heights" and Indianapolis Redevelopment Studies to speak on "People and Environmental Change."

June 10 K. Grant Crawford, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, to speak on "The Public Interest and Public Policy."

All meetings have been held at The Building Centre, 12 Shuter Street, Toronto.

Chairman: Hans Blumenfeld. Secretary: Kunio Hidaka, c/o Ontario Department of Planning and Development, 454 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

Edmonton

Most of the energies of the Edmonton Branch in recent months have been devoted to organizing a course of instruction in Town Planning for members of the Institute. Nine students have enrolled for the course and a series of seminars is under way.

The course has been restricted to members of the Institute and the Branch has requested TPIC Council to recognize the course under the proposed new by-laws so that those enrolled might qualify for immediate acceptance as Student Members of the Institute.

The Branch is now engaged in negotiations with the University of Alberta Department of Extension to the effect that appropriate extension courses might be offered by the University during the forthcoming academic year. Consideration is also being given to conducting correspondence courses for Student Members elsewhere in the Province and to holding a three-day review course at the end of the year when students from all parts of the Province could meet together to consider the year's work.

A committee is also engaged in drafting by-laws for early consideration by the members of the Branch.

Chairman: Leonard O. Gertler. Secretary: Harold N. Lash, Director, Town and Rural Planning, Department of Municipal Affairs, Highways Building, Edmonton, Alberta.

Ottawa

Continuing its series of regular meetings during the 1956-57 session the Ottawa Branch held a joint dinner meeting on January 9th with the Ottawa Chapter of the Ontario Association of Architects. A Discussion on "The Relationship be-

tween Architects and Planners" was led by a panel of members from each group, led by Mr. Ian Maclennan, Chief Architect and Planner, C. M. H. C. This was a very lively meeting with considerable interest and understanding shown of each other's problems.

A further meeting was held on February 12th when the Branch heard an address given by Mr. E. I. Wood, Landscape Architect, Federal District Commission, on "Landscape Architecture in Relation to Planning."

The next two meetings of the Branch will be on March 19th and April 17th, at which latter the Branch will hear an address by Mr. D. W. Buchanan, Deputy Director, National Gallery, on "Industrial Design."

Chairman: Ralph W. Borrowman. Secretary: Eric F. Grove, 471 Sherbourne Road, Apt. 1, Ottawa 3, Ontario.

P. S. Mr. Grove writes, "If any member is in Ottawa, I should be pleased to hear from him. My office number is Sherwood 6-4611, Local 302."

MEMBERSHIP

Since the last issue of the Newsletter the following changes in membership have been approved.

Upgrade from Associate to Full Member:
D. J. Reddington, Toronto Township

New Full Member:
Samuel Lurie, Lethbridge

New Associate Members:
Heintz Fenichel, Scarborough
Alec Greaves, Ottawa
Paul M. L. Bruer, London
Denis H. Cole, Red Deer
A. R. Smith, Calgary
Eric Embacher, Hamilton
Peter Dovell, Toronto

New Student Member:
John E. Potter, Edmonton

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

MODERN TRAFFIC CONTROL, by Joseph C. Ingraham. N.Y.: Funk and Wagnalls, 1954. (Toronto: Ryerson Press, 299 Queen Street West, $5.50)

THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM, by Wilfred Owen. Washington: Brookings Institution, 1956. (Toronto: Burns and MacEachern, 12 Grenville Street, $5.75)

OUTRAGE, by Ian Nairn. London: Architectural Press, 1955. (Toronto: British Book Service, 1068 Broadview Ave., $2.75)

Publishers and Planning Agencies are invited to submit books and reports for notice in the Newsletter.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

FORT WILLIAM, ONTARIO
Position: Planning Director. Duties: Directing work of the Fort William Planning Board and maintaining satisfactory relations with civic officials and the public. Qualifications: Degree in planning, civil engineering, architecture or related fields, plus experience in planning. Salary: Dependent on training and experience. Apply: Mr. L. Y. McIntosh, Chairman, Fort William Planning Board, City Hall, Fort William, Ont. (57-8)

ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, TORONTO
Position: Zoning administration and research personnel. Duties: The responsibilities of the Department in respect to zoning include the administration of provincial legislation, assistance to communities in preparing zoning by-laws as part of their planning programme, preparation of research studies and the dissemination of research material to planning boards and committees of adjustment within the Province. Qualifications: The applicant should have a university degree and at least two years' responsible experience in planning. Part of the planning experience must be in the field of zoning administration and research. Salary: Dependent upon length and character of planning experience. Salary range for Assistant Planner is $4050 to $5000, and for Planner is $5000 to $6000. Apply: c/o A. Cameron, Province of Ontario, Dept. of Planning and Development, 454 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario. Apply in confidence and enclose snapshot. (57-14)

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN
Position: Director of Planning. Duties: To have full charge of planning programme for city of 90,000, including preparation of long range plans for City and surrounding district. Qualifications: Degree in planning, architecture, civil engineering or related field, plus experience in responsible planning position. Salary: Dependent on qualifications and experience. Apply: City Commissioners, City Hall, Regina, Saskatchewan. Give personal data, education, experience, salary required, date available, and professional references. (57-10)

REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN
Position: Assistant Planner - Architect. Qualifications: Degree in architecture and planning, economics and at least two years' experience in planning. Salary: Dependent on qualifications and experience. Apply: as for above. (57-11)

WINDSOR, ONTARIO
Position: Planning Director. Qualifications: Degree in planning or related fields and two or more years' experience in actual planning or administration of planning department or five or more years' experience in planning. Experience in urban renewal preferred. Salary: Will depend on applicant's experience. Apply: J. B. Adamac, City Clerk, 149 Chatham Street West, Windsor, Ontario. (57-9)

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